QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Silver coins minted for Travancore.

1. *Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of silver coins newly minted for Travancore in 1103;

(*b*) the total amount of silver coins held in the various Government Treasuries of the State on the last day of 1102;

(*c*) the price of silver per rupee weight in 1103;

(*d*) the amount of net gain to the Government out of minting silver coins in 1103;

(*e*) the price of silver per rupee weight in 1109;

(*f*) the total amount of silver coins held in the various Government Treasuries of the State on the last day of the year 1109; and

(*g*) whether any silver coins were minted for Travancore after 1103 and if so when was it and what was the amount so minted?

Mr. C. S. Krishnasvami Aiyar:

(*a*) 1 lakh of half rupees
2 lakhs of quarter rupees } Face value Rs. 2 lakhs.
7 lakhs of fanam pieces.

(*b*) Rs. 62,557.

(*c*) 10·125 pence per tola (London rate).

(*d*) Rs. 81,9 6.

(*e*) Re. 0-9 As. 2·6 pies per tola (Bombay).

(*f*) Rs. 2,29,685 Sirkar silver coins.

(*g*) 1106 M. E. Rs. 2,50,000 in half rupees.
Rs. 50,000 in quarter rupees.
Rs. 1,00,000 in fanam pieces.
1107 M. E. Rs. 2 lakhs (face value) half rupees.

Unauthorised occupation of the cardamom reserves.

2. *Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: With regard to the unauthorised occupations of the cardamom reserves of the Devicolam taluk, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total area now found to have been improved by the encroachers;

(*b*) the average age of the improvements; and

(*c*) what is the total area encroached and improved upon by foreigners and natives respectively?

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Mr. K. George : (*a*) 2108 acres 91 cents.

(*b*) 5 years.

(*c*) 1778 acres 2 cents by foreigners and 330 acres 89 cents by Travancoreans.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know why these encroachments have not been discovered by the Land Revenue authorities?

Mr. K George : Some encroachments have been discovered and action has been taken also.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know from the learned member whether while these encroachments were taking place the Government order of 1096 was enforced?

Mr. K. George : Yes.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know then, what action has been taken regarding the encroachers who have wilfully done so?

Mr. K. George : I said some encroachments were discovered and action was being taken.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : As a matter of fact; may I know whether these encroachers are now evicted?

Mr. K. George : No.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : In view of the G. O. of 1096 may I know whether Government are bound to register these lands in the name of the occupants?

Mr K. George : They are not bound ; but by a later G. O. Government have sanctioned the registry of certain encroachments.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know, Sir, what were the exceptional circumstances which prevailed upon the Government to revise the G. O. of 1096 and to issue a new G. O. sanctioning the the registry of these lands encroached upon now?

President : That G. O. has been published or placed on the editor's table?

Mr. K. George : It is placed on the editor's table.

President : Well, the honourable member ought to have been satisfied with the answers and the reasons given by Government.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : I am not expected to be informed of the G. O. unless it has been, under the Rules and Regultions, placed on the table of this House.

President : Was it published in the Gazette?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : I am not quite sure.

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Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : As a matter of fact, it has not been published in the Gazette.

President : Yes.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know what are the special circumstances which prevailed upon the Government to revise the old G. O. and issue a new G. O. ?

Mr. K. George : So far as the encroachments are concerned, they did not form a large area in comparison with the total area reserved in the Cardamom Hills. Since the Travancoreans have still a large area available for them Government thought that the encroachers may be given registry so that a large amount may be realised as *tharavila.*

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know whether any definite steps are now being taken or proposed to be taken so that the reserves not encroached upon be hereafter kept as such ?

Mr. K. George : Yes, Sir.

Sukumaravilasam V. P. School in Muttappalam, Chirayinkil taluk.

3. ***Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when the Sukumaravilasam V. P. School, in Muttappalam, Chirayinkil taluk was started ;

(*b*) what the strength of the school was in 1106, 1107, 1108, 1109, and 1110 ; and

(*c*) whether the school is receiving grant-in-aid, and, if not, why ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan :

(*a*) On 4-10-1106,

(*b*) 62, 67, 70, 76, and 71 during 1106, 1107, 1108, 1109, and 1110 respectively.

(*c*) No ; for want of funds

Preferential claims of certain members of the Pakuthi Staff.

4. ***Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai** (*Neyyattinkara cum Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there are in the pakuthi staff of the Trivandrum Revenue Division persons with Public Examination qualification in English who have also passed the Revenue and Account Tests ;

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